

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 81ST CONVENTION

The first meeting of the committee which is in charge of the preparation efforts for the Association's 81st convention took place on May 4th. The convention will be on October 18-20 at Grace Family Church. If all goes according to plan, the theme of the spiritually-edifying part of the convention will be unity: unity of the body of Christ, churches, unity among brothers and sisters, families, and more. During the business part of the meeting, there will be re-election of the Association's Committee, affirmation of the budget for the upcoming year, and much more.

At the end of the convention, there will be a celebratory service with the participation of the members of the local churches.



During the meeting. The photo has been taken by I. Mileyev

BRYTE CHURCH 90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our biggest Slavic church, Bryte Church, celebrated their 90th anniversary on May 19-20. The celebration began on Saturday at the park in West Sacramento. Close to 4,000 people came and were served by over 300 volunteers. There was an hour long service after which the participants of the celebration could partake in various entertaining activities.

The celebration continued on Sunday during the morning church service. The service was three hours long, during which there were testimonies, greetings, and video clips about the history of the church.

For more about the celebration, please [read on the Association's website - click here](#). The streaming of the park celebration [can be accessed here](#), and the broadcast of the Sunday service - [here](#). Both recordings are in Russian only.



Wind orchestra of the church - wonderful addition to the celebration

MINISTRY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Institute "Blagovest" is one of the most actively functioning ministries in the Association. The training of Christians constantly takes place and bears much fruit. For more about what was accomplished in May, read the summary of the leader of the Department of Education A. Pronin - [click here \(in Russian only\)](#).

VISIT TO CUBA

The Vice-President of the Association N. A. Bugriyev along with a few other brothers visited Cuba with the intent to get to know their everyday life and to plan the future ministry visits there. In many ways, this country resembles the life which we all had in the former USSR: the same kind of poverty, empty stores, and same promises of the bright future under communism.

The brothers received a hearty welcome especially because they did not come empty handed. [The Association's website has pictures of the trip and a recording of a radio interview with N. A. Bugriyev \(in Russian only\).](#)



Distribution of relief supplies

WOMEN CONFERENCE AT SECOND SLAVIC CHURCH

"Closeness with God" - was the theme of the women conference which took place at Second Slavic Church and focused on the young ladies. The women ministry of the Association is very active and has a long history. This ministry includes various events, but the leaders of the ministry are concerned that in all of the events the majority of the participants are women of the older generation, and there is a scarcity of young women in the ministry. This time the main speaker of the conference was a young woman, Yelena Gerhard, from "Haven" Church, Concord, a teacher by vocation, whose native language is English. She spoke and taught in English during the conference, in the language that is more understandable amongst the younger generation.

For more about the conference read [on the Association's website - click here \(In Russian only\).](#)

MOTHERS' DAY AT YUBA CITY CHURCH

Slavic Baptist Church of Yuba City held a special evening on May 12, dedicated to honoring mothers. Praise God for the blessing and gratitude to all who supported this ministry in prayer and timely encouragement. Thanks to the "Bytie" group and friends from First Slavic Church of Sacramento for their participation.

For more about the celebration of this event, read an article by the pastor of the church, Andrey Parhomenko - [click here \(In Russian only\).](#)

MISSIONARY TRIP TO AFRICA

A group of brothers and sisters from various countries (U.S., Germany, and Russia) paid another visit to Uganda and Kenya with the purpose of ministering to the local churches.

In both countries, there were training seminars with the ministers of fast-growing local churches and organized events for children.

The missionary group also included a doctor, a dentist from Germany. Hundreds of people waited for hours in order to be seen by the doctor, and during this time they heard the Gospel. For more details [read in an article by Nocolay Kvach, one of the participants of this trip - click here.](#)



Help to refugees

THE ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

[During the past month, the following programs](#) were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs are in Russian only.

- [Short sermon before the communion. V. Stupin](#)
- [Concerning supporting pastors as well as about their salaries. I. Mileyev.](#)
- [News. Women's Retreat \(G. Bugriyev\), meeting of singles and widows \(T. Senin\) and more.](#)
- [What is a "living sacrifice"? Listener's question answered by Y. Sipko](#)
- [About completed modules of the Institute of Biblical Counseling "Coram Deo". Future Plans](#)
- Listener's question answered by V. Stupin:
 - [Honesty in business.](#)
 - [Taxes - What's our attitude?](#)
 - [Stealing at the workplace.](#)
 - [Usage of illegal versions of computer programs - allowed or forbidden for Christians?](#)
- [Short sermon before the communion. Y. Ovcharenko.](#)

NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

NEWS OF ECB UNIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The subscribers and readers of our newsletters could notice that we started to publish some news of ECB unions of various countries. We gather these news from websites of the unions or letters received from the leadership of these unions.

Unfortunately, not all of the unions publish their ministry information, and not all of them have it in Russian or English. For example, All-Ukrainian Union of ECB publishes information about the life of the union and partnering churches exclusively in Ukrainian. When we contacted the union's information department (Lyudmila Zhakun) with request about information in English or Russian, we were advised to find a volunteer in Ukraine or the U.S. who will be able to translate the news for us into Russian. Although it is a good suggestion, it is difficult for us to accomplish; so, at the moment, we cannot bring the life of this union to light on our website and in our newsletters. We are informing of this in order to avoid the possible misunderstandings and accusations of discrimination. We are in constant search for a translator. We will be very glad if anyone will be able to resolve this issue and could translate the news of Ukrainian churches and unions for us. In the meanwhile, in order to read the news from this union, please visit [their website - click here](#).

CONVENTIONS OF BROTHERLY UNION OF CHURCHES ECB

In the month of May, the brotherly Associations and unions of America had their conventions, and representatives of our Association were invited to attend as well. Our Association's president was invited to the 18th convention of the North-Eastern Association of Churches of ECB. [Read the article about the convention here\(In Russian only\).](#)

The member of Committee of our Association, Victor Zinchenko, visited the convention of Mid-West Association. [His insight on the convention can be read here \(In Russian only\).](#)



Closing service of the 18th Convention of North--Western Association of ECB Churches.

MEETING OF THE HEADS OF THE RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN UNIONS OF ECB

The delegation of the Russian Evangelical Christian-Baptists with P. V. Mitsketich as chairman, vice-chairman V. V. Ignatenkova, and vice-chairman of the southern region V. V. Levashov, visited the capital of Ukraine, Kiev, where they were received by the leadership of the All-Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists represented by chairman V.S. Antonyuk, the vice-chairman I.A. Bandura, and members of the leadership of All-Ukrainian Union ECB. [For more details about this meeting read here \(In Russian only.\)](#)

Russian brothers also visited Crimea and had a meeting with the head of ECB Union of Crimea. The information about this meeting [was published here \(In Russian only.\)](#)

Pray so that the calamities and the world events will not be able to divide our brotherly union, and the dialog that was started by the unions brought a mutual blessing and reconciliation among Slavic countries.

NEWS FROM YEVGEIY EVVA

In the past newsletters, more than once we published letters of Yevgeniy Evva who is a missionary from Ukraine and who was faithfully serving in Egypt with his family until they were deported by the local authorities. After many prayers and discussions with the ministers, Yevgeniy was convicted that the next place of ministry for their family is Cambodia. There were many delays in their departure for ministry and they are finally ready, but they need financial and prayer support. [Please read his letter address here](#), and perhaps the Lord will stir your heart to help in the ministry of this wonderful family one way or the other.



REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY

Vyacheslav Mihailovich Tsvirinko along with his wife ministers in Moldova and other countries of Europe for the second year now. His [report for April can be viewed here](#), and the reports for other months published on the Association's website under [News -- Missionary news -- News and reports of missionaries.](#)



Meeting with the youth

EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The registration for the annual retreat for “Moms in Prayer” ministry is still open. All the sisters who wish to live a victorious life in Christ are welcome. The retreat speaker will be Fern Nichols who is the ex-president of “Moms in Prayer” ministry. Theme: “I shall not waver”. Dates: June 8-10. Place: Sierra Pines Camp 7169 Sierra Pines Rd., Twin Bridges, CA 95735. Register on the Association’s website or with the leader of women’s ministry in the local church. The cost is as follows: Early registration: April 11-May 31 - \$140.00; late registration: June 1-6 - \$150.00. For more information contact (916) 256-7363.

- Christian Women’s Camp “The Salon of Unfading Beauty” will take place on August 17-19. Theme: “Sweeter than Honey” Ps.117:103. The camp will take place at: 660 Highway 50 Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Cost is \$155. You can register with the leaders of women’s ministry at your church May 20-July 29 or with Nina Panasenکو (916) 835-6462, Alice Yalanzhi (916) 284-4998 and Irina Sheremet (916) 478-1116. More details about the camp, as well as the registration form, can be found [on the Association’s website - click here](#).

- Events calendar of the Association for the month of June:

Date	Events of the Association в TO
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Prayer group for mothers and Bible lessons for children with special needs (1716 Willow Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691)
8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Department of Education - teaching session at Bryte Church
8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ “Moms in Prayer” retreat - Fern Nichols (Sierra Pines Camp)
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fellowship of widows and orphans (1000 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento)

	95605)
10	◦ Department of Prison Ministry - department meeting
16	◦ Department of Education - teaching session in Castro Valley
23	◦ Department of Education - teaching session in Florida (Graduation)
30	◦ Women's Department - meeting of the department committee at the PCSBA's office ◦ Department of Education - teaching session in Montebello

- Events of certain churches in June:

Date	Church Events
2	◦ Baptism of converts at Russian Baptist Church of Bryte
14-17	◦ Children's Camp at "Transfiguration" Church - Minnetonka, Minnesota
17	◦ Fathers' Day- Fellowship of Slavic Baptist Church of Honolulu, Ala Moana Magic Island Park

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

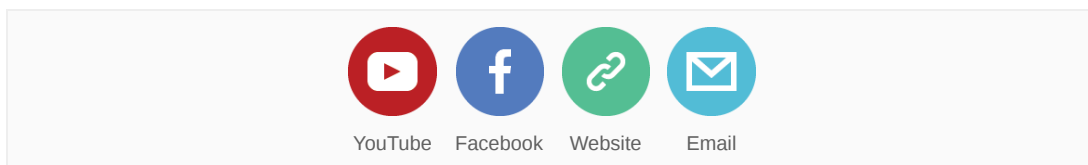
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